



Dan A. Gwadosky  
Secretary of State

Julie L. Flynn  
Deputy Secretary of State

Timothy R. Poulin  
Director of Corporations and UCC

**Maine Department of the Secretary of State  
Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions**

**Memorandum**

To: Customers of the Division of Corporations and UCC

From: Timothy Poulin, Director of Corporations and UCC

RE: Statutory Changes effective July 1, 2003

---

On July 1, 2003, the new Maine Business Corporation Act (Title 13-C) took effect. As filers, you will need to be aware of the following changes that may affect you.

The name availability standard has changed from “deceptively similar” to “distinguishable upon the record”. This standard applies to all names (real, assumed, fictitious, reserved or registered names) for all entity types (business and nonprofit corporations, limited partnerships, limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships and marks) that file with our office.

Additionally, use of the forms developed by this office is mandatory. All forms (new and revised) are available on our web site at [www.Maine.gov/sos/cec/corp/corp.htm](http://www.Maine.gov/sos/cec/corp/corp.htm) in an Adobe PDF “fillable” format.